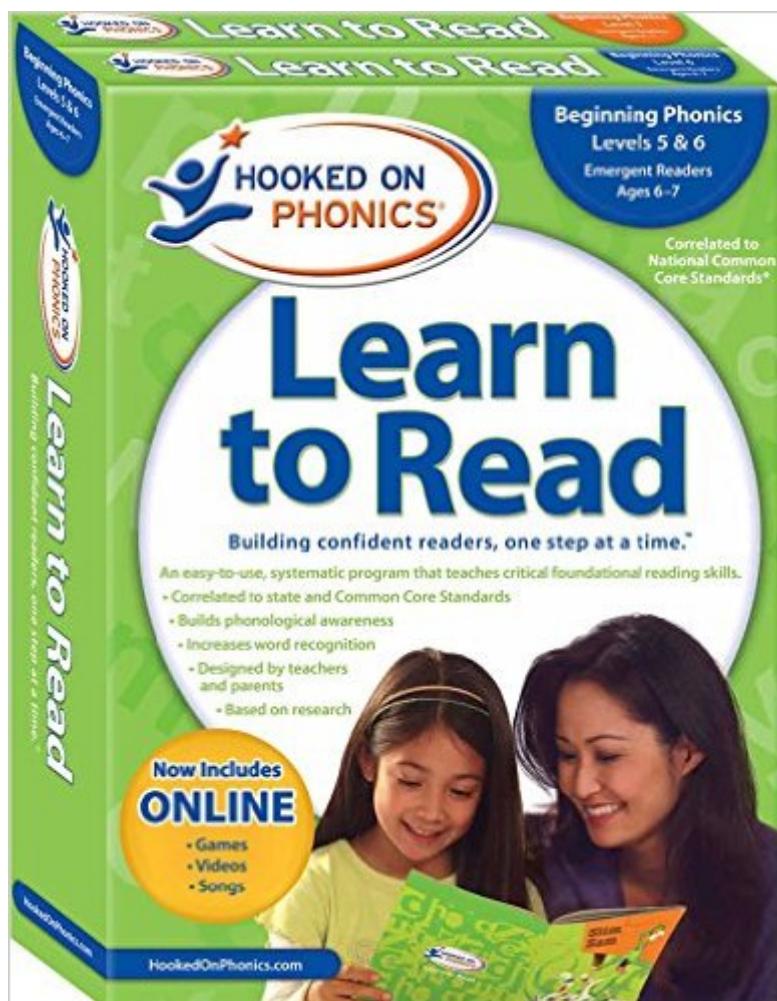


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# Hooked On Phonics Learn To Read - Levels 5&6 Complete: Beginning Phonics (Emergent Readers | First Grade | Ages 6-7) (Hooked On Phonics: Learn To Read Complete)



## Synopsis

Hooked on Phonics® Learn to Read Levels 5&6 Complete includes both 1st Grade levels in the complete 8-level Learn to Read series. - Level 1: All About Letters (Pre-K) - Level 2: All About Letters (Pre-K) - Level 3: Word Families (Kindergarten) - Level 4: Word Families (Kindergarten) - Level 5: Beginning Phonics (First Grade) - Level 6: Beginning Phonics (First Grade) - Level 7: Intermediate Phonics (Second Grade) - Level 8: Intermediate Phonics (Second Grade) Designed to help your child learn the building blocks of reading, Learn to Read Levels 5&6 Complete covers: - Kindergarten Review - Beginning Consonant Blends Like âœch-,â • âœsh-,â • âœth-,â • and âœqu-â • - Ending Consonant Blends Likeâœ-ch,â •âœ-th,â •âœ andâœ-esâ • - Suffixes âœ-ing,â • âœ-er,â • âœ-ly,â • and âœ-edâ • - Two-Syllable Words - 36 New Sight Words This set includes: - 6 Original Storybooks written to reinforce the skills your child learns in the program - Slim Sam - Lucky for Me - Good Job, Dennis - Chick-Chick the Ping-Pong Champ - Over My Head - The Case of the Missing Sandwich - 2 Bonus Books by the award-winning childrenâ™s book authors Robert San Souci and Rosemary Wells - Fredâ™s Red Hat by Rosemary Wells - The Little Ghost by Robert San Souci - 2 Workbooks that will guide you and your child through all of the lessons and many fun activities - 2 DVDs filled with music videos and fun introductions to each lesson, where letters come to life - 2 Sets of Stickers to proudly display in the workbooks and celebrate reading success - 1 Quick Start Guide Designed in conjunction with leading educators, award-winning authors, teachers and parents, Hooked on Phonics® Learn to Read uses a proven, simple, and fun method to give your child a strong foundation in phonics and reading skills. - Learn: Your child learns to read new words by watching the DVD and reading the workbook. - Practice: Your child practices reading the new sound combinations and words in the workbook. - Read: Your child puts it all together to read a great story. - Celebrate: Celebrate success after each lesson and track your childâ™s progress!

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Age Range: 6 - 7 years

Grade Level: 1 and up

## Customer Reviews

I ordered 'Learn to Read - First Grade' because my little girl is currently attending first grade and I felt that she could be moving at a faster pace.

**CONTENTS**

'Learn to Read - First Grade, Levels 1 and 2' contains 2 modules of an eight-level reading program. The 'Pre-K' and 'Kindergarten' kits precede this one and 'Second Grade' is the last one, following 'First Grade'. This bundle includes:-

First Grade Level 1- First Grade Level 2- Stellaluna - a Reading Rainbow bonus DVD containing one Reading Rainbow episode dealing with bats, sleeping and dreaming.

Each Level kit includes:-

- A quick start guide-
- A workbook-
- A DVD featuring phonics practice for each lesson and selected workbook stories-
- Reward stickers-
- 4 Storybooks with one story each

Each of the 2 levels is made up of 15 lessons divided into 3 units.

Additional material is available on the Web.

**THE LEARNING PROCESS**

Each lesson follows the same approach: learn, practice, read and celebrate.

After the child watches and then interacts with the DVD portion where the new letter-sound associations are first illustrated and then child is asked to pronounce the words displayed on the screen, the workbook provides additional practice, including a page of cumulative practice where about half of the words have phonics learned in prior lessons. Finally, the child reads a story from the workbook or from the one of the colorful and fully illustrated story books.

Each workbook page includes special notes to the teacher/parent, guiding them all throughout the process.

When the child completes the first three steps of the cycle, it's time to celebrate/reward - she can attach a sticker to mark the lesson as 'completed'.

**EFFECTIVENESS**

After going through the first level - 15 lessons - I found that my girl is looking forward to more learning. She enjoys the semi-interactive nature of the DVD-based portion and she is proud when she can read the stories with no help or little help. She is motivated by the 'easy' pace, because she can 'see' her progress (stickers) and, in our case, because she is trying to emulate her older brothers who practice 'advanced math' after school.

Since the entire 'First Grade' is only 30 lessons, there is plenty of time to complete it and there is no need to rush. Going at a pace of 2-3 lessons per week, the 'First Grade' could be covered in about 3-4

months, giving the child time to either do a lot of unstructured reading or, for those who are more ambitious, possibly starting the 'Second Grade' curriculum. The 'reward' stickers are a stroke of genius. I was surprised how important it was for my child to 'earn' her colored star and how much they motivate her to do well - I know, it's Pavlovian but it works. She doesn't get the star unless she does well and if she doesn't get the star we do the same lesson again. About half of the lessons, possibly more than half we had to do twice but that seemed to motivate her to do better rather than discourage her. Each Unit - and there are 3 Units per Level - ends with the reading of a Story Book. This is a powerful motivator too and a source of great pride. After we completed the first Unit and she was able to read her first 20+ page book, all by herself, twice, she was so proud, she insisted to read it again to each of her brothers and to her mother and then she took it to school and read it to her class.

Update - Sep. 2010

It's hard to assign credit here but our girl's reading abilities improved so much, we decided we didn't need the 'Second Grade' edition. A couple of months before the 2010 Summer vacation began she was already a passionate reader and a regular customer at the school library. She kept reading throughout the summer and her second grade teacher told us that "she's a natural reader". There is little doubt in my mind that us using "Learn to Read" was a contributing factor in her

progress.

EVALUATION AND RATING

'Learn to Read' is effective in teaching children phonics-based reading and it appears to be well tolerated by my six year old. In fact, it is her reminding me that it's time for the Hooked on Phonics session now. It is most likely that we will be following with the 'Second Grade' kit after we complete 'First Grade'. The 5 stars are well earned by a parent and child-friendly, well structured and effective learning package. I am impressed how she is now actively trying to 'sound' all words as opposed to the past where she would simply stop at the sight of any 'unknown' words (sight words?) claiming that all new words had to be learned first.

My oldest son just turned 7. We started using this program maybe mid-year last school year. We are a home school family and he is definitely willing to sit and eager to learn. I tried a few other phonics/reading programs. He had his letter names/sounds down great. He could read simple 3 letter words and could pick out letter sounds if you said the word verbally to him. I was at a loss of what to do next. I researched a lot of different things and just wasn't sure. I felt that this HOF program was a decent price and that we'd give it a shot. It really has worked well for him. We did the first book and part of the second until summer vacation. We worked very little, if at all over the summer but he started picking up SO many words. Everywhere he looked he could read. We are a

few lessons away from finishing and I am definitely going to order the second grade set. And possibly the pre-K set for my almost 5 year old. I have been really happy with the program and my son seems to enjoy it. My only con I think would be....some of the pronunciations seem to be off to me. I don't know if it's a regional thing, we are in the Midwest so I don't think we have an "accent" per se. But, my son would say it right and then get confused when the voice would say it again. I just told him he was doing it right and I wasn't sure why she was saying it that way. It was mostly in the first set a few times. Also, I don't agree with all the "helper" words. In my opinion, if a word CAN be sounded out, you should sound it out. I get that some words are really truly site words but not all the ones listed are that. I am not disappointed in this program at all. I'm sure other programs are good too but this one really worked well for us!!

Wondering if this is the right product for your child? On the first page of the workbook, Hooked on Phonics provides a list of words your child should know before beginning the First Grade program. "If she can (read these) easily, she's ready to begin." Here are the words: "cat, ran bag, had, sip, win, mix, hill, got, top job, dog, hug, fun, tub, cup, red, net, leg, hats, bells, back, lick, rock." Presumably, if your child can't read those words fluently, you'd be better off starting with the Kindergarten program. Conversely, if they seem very easy for your child, you might want to look at the second grade program (I have a review of that one on , too, that lists the expectations for new users). Now, onto the regularly scheduled review... There's an old Jack Benny joke in which he's asked "how's your wife?" and he responds "compared to who?" I'm reminded of that quip when I consider the value of these Hooked on Phonics packages. At the time of this writing, the entire first grade package, which includes storybooks, teaching tools, DVDs, stickers and other motivational tools costs about \$55. Where I live, that would pay for one half hour session of individual tutoring (granted, you'd have five bucks left over for a latte, too). Given the amount of material you get here, these Learn to Read programs are well worth it. The materials are of excellent quality - Hooked on Phonics is the leading name in this field. I used their program with my older son in Kindergarten and First Grade and he benefited greatly. His little brother is about to get the same treatment. Of course, unlike a tutor, using the Hooked on Phonics program does require time and work from you. Only the most motivated - and pretty bright - students will be able to do this independently. But it's time well spent, as not only will your child be learning, but you'll enjoy some bonding time over a program that makes learning to read about as much fun as it can be - let's face it, this isn't playing a video game, but Hooked on Phonics is probably as painless as it gets. The materials for this program come packaged very nicely. When you open the heavy box, filled with high quality books and DVDs, you'll

feel like you have the right jobs to help your child read. All you have to add is some time and attention, follow the very clear steps, and your kid will be reading in no time. I love these products and highly recommend them. Compared to what? Well, pretty much everything else that's out there. If you can afford \$50 for a half hour of a tutor's time at least twice a week, go for it. If not, this is a great value from a leader in the field. Good luck! Scott Sherman, author, Lambda Literary Award Winning Best Mystery, 2009, *First You Fall: A Kevin Connor Mystery*

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